

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006, by this Amendment Applicants have amended the specification to make reference to the prior application, as suggested in the Office action and in the interview with the Examiner that preceded it.

Applicants also submit herewith a Declaration appropriate to a continuation-in-part application.

The above acts suffice to establish a priority claim prior to the effective date of WO 99/26067 as a reference, and Applicants therefore request that rejections over this reference be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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